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SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL DUNGENESS CRAB FALL/WINTER SEASON ANNOUNCEMENT

Petersburg. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (department) announced today the following information concerning the Southeast Alaska commercial Dungeness crab fishery:

2012/2013 Fall/Winter Fishing Season

In June 2012, the department estimated total commercial Dungeness crab harvest for the 2012/2013 season using landings and effort data from the first week of the summer season. This estimate exceeded the 2.25 million pound threshold described in 5 AAC 32.146. Because this threshold was exceeded, in accordance with 5 AAC 32.110, all waters not listed as closed waters in 5 AAC 32.150 will open at 12:00 noon on Monday, October 1, 2012, to commercial fishing for Dungeness crabs.

Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning (PSP) monitoring:

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) released a PSP monitoring plan for commercially-harvested crab in Alaska in May 2012:

http://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/seafood/Docs/2012CrabPSPMonitoringPlan_5-21-12.pdf.

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